

PATENT

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 14-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,574,507 to Bonnet et al. Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonnet et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,126,611 to Bourgeois et al. Claims 18-21 were allowed.

By this amendment, claims 1-4 and 14-17 have been canceled, thereby leaving only allowed claims 18-21 pending in the case. Claims 18 and 19 have been amended to address some formalities and antecedent basis issues. Therefore it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early notice of allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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